

## **REMARKS**

### **INTRODUCTION**

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 11 has been amended. Claim 13 has been cancelled. Claims 4, 5, 7-12, 14 and 15 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

### **CLAIM REJECTIONS -- 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

Claims 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hanson et al. (US 5,201,185) (hereinafter "Hanson") in view of Denvir (US 6,851,270) (hereinafter "Denvir").

Claim 11 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 13 and is therefore believed to be allowable. Claim 12 is dependent on claim 11 and is believed to be allowable for the foregoing reason.

Withdrawal of the foregoing rejection is requested.

### **ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER**

The Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that claims 4, 5, 7-10, 14 and 15 have been allowed and claim 13 has been found to contain allowable subject matter. The allowable subject matter of claim 13 has been incorporated into claim 11.

**CONCLUSION**

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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